



TRUST ELECTIONS 2022

CANDIDATE SKILLS PROFILE



Mereana Te Pere

Governance training and experience on Boards.

- SocialLink Tauranga Moana Board Trustee (Social Service Network Lead for WBOP and Tauranga Moana)
- Rape Prevention and Education Trust Member - Auckland. Portfolio's - Māori Development, Research and Evaluation, Strategic Direction
- Te Matai: Te Kura a Iwi ō Tapuika BOT. Portfolio's - Legislation, Charter
- Rural Youth and Adult Literacy Trust Board of Trustees
- Health Promotion Forum of NZ - Māori Komiti - Secretary
- Taihorangi Te Rahuia Kokiri Whanau Trust - Chair
- Tamahika Te Pere Whanau Trust - Chair

Governance Training:

- Māori Leadership in Public Health Course - 2021
- Governance 101 Online Course
- LEAD (Centre for Not for Profit Governance and Leadership) - Miscellaneous workshops

Understanding of Waitaha tikanga and cultural values(in respect of leadership and governance).

Waitaha iwi come under Te Arawa tikanga and kawa. We are one of the oldest iwi in our area, with other tribes coming off our tupuna. This includes Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti Ranginui and Ngāti Kahungunu.

Our speakers on the pae (even though there are very few these days) hold most of the knowledge of our whakapapa, our history, our connection to te taiao and te tātai tuarangi (cosmos). Growing up I have seen the importance of respecting our tāne as protectors and holders of this knowledge. With regard to leadership, they must have the skill and prowess to represent and uplift our people, and make the best decisions for us based on our tikanga and history. I believe we must still make space for our tāne as speakers on the pae to lead in certain governance spaces and hui. This is to keep our mana intact and ensure we are progressing in an appropriate manner

When it comes to wāhine, tikanga, and governance leadership, the same applies to wāhine as their role with kārangā. It is our own who must call on and guide the spiritual ancestors for those who visit us. It is the mana of the wāhine that ensures uri carry on the whakapapa. And it is the wāhine who correct and guide our tāne on the pae. With regard to leadership and governance, I reiterate that spaces should be kept for wāhine to exercise these protocols at times where it is needed. As leaders in governance positions it is the mana of these women that ensure our people are working collectively, effectively and appropriately, and that our whānau and uri and nurtured with the correct teachings and opportunities. Again I reinforce that it is the skill and prowess of these wāhine that protects and nourishes our people. I reinforce that these women must be our own.

The Waitaha Treaty Settlement Claim (in relation the Trust role).

The Waitaha Treaty Claim encompasses many important milestones for our people. This includes the history of our tupuna in relation to other tribes and significant events, the teachings and practices of our tupuna, the history of who fought for our lands, loss of our lands and rights over time, the use and misuse of our natural resources and areas, the process of Treaty Claims and local councils, the efforts of the government throughout history up until now and heading into the future. It is important as trustees to be well versed in this information, as well as the evolving legislation, local and national politics and agenda's. Even more so, it is a valuable skill if trustees have all this knowledge while also being artful at building harmonious relationships that place our iwi in the best possible positions with other stakeholders.

Experience in developing and directing strategy.

My current role is Māori Health Promotion Strategist for Health Promotion Forum of NZ. We are a high level national based NGO - focusing on workforce development, advisory roles, governance and strategic development in the health promotion/public health space. I focus on organisations who work with Māori.

Through my other Trustee roles I hold many different strategy based positions, spanning across health, education and social services.

Computer literacy

I am proficient in all Microsoft Office programmes. I also teach online to adults, and develop online learning platforms. I'm also not too shabby with Adobe Spark when it comes to designing print or online promotional resources.

Financial literacy

As a Trustee I am able to read financial reports with future projections, losses/profits and follow where the money goes in and out.

Strong sense of ethics, sound judgement, and common sense (in a governance or leadership role).

I pride myself on my integrity, strength, goodwill and courage to make tough decisions that aren't always popular. But I think transparency and strong communication can mitigate tension during challenging times. I stand by the statement that I cannot be bought. I have a hugely strong work ethic and enjoy seeking opportunities that we as a whanau can capitalise from. I'm always looking for what is the best result for the collective, but always being mindful of individual needs and disparities. As a leader I always push for social justice and equity. For Māori, and for Waitaha I would ensure that the history of our people, the tikanga of our people is protected also. My goal if elected is to have ALL families of Waitaha thriving and succeeding. To be culturally rich and steeped in Waitaha tradition. have a pae packed with speakers. Children and adults doing haka and waiata freely and confidently and investments that serve and work for our people.

Feel free to add any further comments for the voters below.

Thank you for this opportunity. Good luck to all the whānau who have bravely put their name forward. Maranga Waitaha.